

Radio Stamps
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Hello again, and welcome to the fourth edition of *Radio Stamps* in 1993. A warm welcome, as always, if you're listening to the program for the first time. This is program number 30, and the feature country today is Monaco. I also have news for you about the most recent radio stamp in the world.

Special greetings today to the Fransson family of Sweden. Bjorn and Gunnel, and their youngest son Helga, from the island of Gotland, will be visiting *Radio Stamps* headquarters next month, here in the Ontario town of Almonte, in Canada. We look forward to meeting you at last after many years of correspondence. Hello today as well to the McVicar family of HCJB in Ecuador. Rich and Lisa, and their daughter Rachael, were visitors here in Almonte during March. It was great to see you.

In the next few months it will be time for another *Radio Stamps* contest. During the past year the feature countries here on the *Radio Stamps* program have been Russia, Ascension Island, Dominican Republic, India, and, when I couldn't find a radio stamps country that started with O, I substituted the next letter in the alphabet and visited Peru. The other feature countries were the Solomon Islands, St. Helena, Tuvalu and Austria. To complete this alphabetical puzzle, I'm featuring stamps today and next month on the topic of radio from countries that start with M and P. On the July program I hope to have the Fransson family, visiting from Sweden, announce the contest. Since the *Radio Stamps* program started in 1990, there have been 18 contest winners from around the world. You could be the next winner.

Today we're visiting the Principality of Monaco, a small European country, only 6/10ths of a square mile in size, located on the NW coast of the Mediterranean Sea. France is to the west, north and east. Monaco, which has been an independent principality for over 300 years, is the home of Radio Monte Carlo, and is a relay site for Trans World Radio. The collecting tip today is for my favourite set of radio stamps in the world. Nothing can compare, in my eyes, to the luxury of colour on the three stamps issued on December 22, 1951, to commemorate Radio Monte Carlo. The denominations for these lavishly coloured stamps are 1, 15 and 30 francs. The design is effective too with a view of Monte Carlo including the harbour, city and Mt. Angel in the background. A radio tower on the mountain, with radio waves, dominates the sky. The Scott catalogue numbers for this attractive set are 280, 281 and 282. They'll certainly add welcome colour to any radio stamps collection.

If you want to collect the most recent radio stamp in the world, look for the December 4 issue, in 1992, from the island of St. Helena for the 25th anniversary of Radio St. Helena. Thanks today to Tony Leo, Station Manager at Radio St. Helena, for this collecting tip. If you were fortunate to receive a QSL for the special broadcast in the fall from Radio St. Helena, on October 23, you probably received this stamp on the envelope that arrived in your mailbox. It's a great collector's item. The design of this commemorative stamp shows the radio studio of the station with a male announcer at the microphone. Having heard the special broadcast last fall, it's great to have this distinctive stamp in my collection with a view of what the studio actually looks like. If you'd like to order the stamp or a first day cover, here's the mailing address: Philatelic Bureau, St. Helena Post Office, Main Street, Jamestown, St. Helena, South Atlantic Ocean. The address again is Philatelic Bureau, St. Helena Post Office, Main Street, Jamestown, St. Helena, South

Atlantic Ocean. If you write, please mention the **Radio Stamps** program, here on the DX Partyline at HCJB.

Radio listening is a lot of fun, as we all know, and it can certainly be educational. Listening to shortwave radio in the classroom is another one of my special interests. I'd be pleased to hear from other teachers around the world that use shortwave radio as an educational tool in their classroom. If you're a teacher, or know of a teacher, with students that listen in the classroom to shortwave, please drop me a line and tell me about your programme. I'll give you my mailing address in a moment

The *Radio Stamps* program is sponsored by the North American Shortwave Association. The club is underwriting the costs of mailing this volunteer program to HCJB. The North American Shortwave Association has membership across Canada and the United States, and around the world. The club produces the monthly Journal, and *Radio Stamps* is featured as a quarterly column with illustrations and collecting tips for postage stamps, meter stamps, postal cancellations and other philatelic material on the topic of radio. If you'd like to write to the club, here's the address: North American Shortwave Association, 45 Wildflower Road, Levittown, spelled L-e-v-i-t-t-o-w-n, in Pennsylvania, or PA for short. The zip code in the United States is 19507. The address again is the North American Shortwave Association, 45 Wildflower Road, Levittown, PA, 19507, U.S.A.

That's all for today. I hope to hear from you in 1993 with *Radio Stamps* news. I hope too that you'll write to me if you're a teacher that uses shortwave radio in your classroom. As promised, here's my mailing address. Neil Carleton, that's spelled N-e-i-l C-a-r-l-e-t-o-n, P.O. Box 1644, Almonte, spelled A-l-m-o-n-t-e, Ontario, spelled O-n-t-a-r-i-o. The postal code here in Canada is K0A 1A0. The address again is Neil Carleton, P.O. Box 1644, Almonte, Ontario, K0A 1A0, Canada.

Until the next time, best wishes for good listening and collecting.